Corrupt officers

†2506. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of senior officers who have been found guilty of corruption in the last three years;

(b) the number of officers out of them who have been sent to jail; and

(c) the names of those officers who have been sent to jail after they were found guilty along with the details thereof for the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) Five senior officers of the rank of Joint Secretary and above have been convicted by the trial courts during last three years *i.e.* 2003-2004, and 2005 (upto 30.11.2005) in cases investigated by CBI. All the five officers have been sentenced for Rigorous Imprisonment of varying duration beside imposition of fine. However, they have filed appeals against the sentence.

Investigation of organized crimes

2507. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent statement of the Director, Central Bureau of Investigation for taking their own decisions towards investigations of organized crimes in the country without taking the permissions or orders of State Government or Judicial authority;

(b) if so, Government's views and reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering to issue necessary freedom and authority for investigations at various level;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI):

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) As per information available with the Government, no such statement has been made by the Director, CBI.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The CBI has been given functional autonomy in accordance with the provisions of the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946, as amended by the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003.

CBI raids in Kerala

2508. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Government offices in Kerala which were subjected to CBI raids and the amount recovered therefrom the number of offices, against whom cases have been registered and their departments concerned; and

(b) whether Government consider to strengthen the existing machinery to check corruption among officials and whether Government would also consider to provide modern equipments to detect corrupt officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) During 2005, 13 Central Government Officers/officials, based in Kerala, were subjected to searches by CBI in the cases registered against them. It will not be appropriate to disclose the result of the searches at this stage since the disclosure may impede the course of investigation in these cases.

(b) Various anti-corruption measures have been taken like formulating and implementing effective anti-corruption polices and practices; constituting preventive anti corruption bodies (CVC/CBI); establishing systems based on transparency, competition and objective criteria in public procurement and management of public finances; and enactment of Right to Information Act, 2005 enhancing public access to information.